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revision of pay a large number of women officers in the Educational Service have been forced to suffer a substantial reduction in their pay and to refund the amount drawn in excess by them, and, if so, the reasons for this unfair treatment?

A.—The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" May I know when the decision is likely to be reached ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" As early as possible."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" The answer is very vague and indefinite. Cannot the hon. Minister give us the approximate time even in months ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I am afraid it is not possible to say more than what I have already said."

*Admission of Adi-Dravida students into the Board Elementary school, Salem taluk.*

\* 1510 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) why admission of Adi-Dravida pupils was refused by one teacher Arumugam Pillai appointed in the newly started Board Elementary school in a central place between Rakipatti and Ettimanickampatti run by the Salem taluk board, Salem district; and

(b) whether any action was taken by the Director of Public Instruction in the matter on the petition, dated 3rd January 1926, submitted by the Adi-Dravidas of Ettimanickampatti village, Salem taluk, and if so, with what results?

A.—The Government have called for a report.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" The answer to this question is : ' The Government have called for a report.' This is a very common answer in almost all these cases."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Order, order. Question please."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" I want to know whether the Government have already taken any effective steps with reference to the admission of depressed classes pupils into schools run under public management except sending some circulars saying that all classes should be admitted without any distinction whatever."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Circulars were issued and warnings were given. Further, District Educational Officers were asked to look into the matter carefully."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" May I know whether any grant was withdrawn ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Public bodies which have not carried out the orders contained in the Government Order were warned."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" Is it not a fact that there is a condition precedent to the recognition and payment of grant that no body should refuse admission to students ? "

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The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That question does not arise. The Government have called for a report in regard to the matter mentioned in the question."

*Stipends to elementary school teachers belonging to the depressed classes.*

\* 1511 Q.—MR. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any steps were taken to amend the Educational Rules concerned with a view to give the same amount of stipends to elementary school teachers belonging to the depressed classes as that of Muhammadans while they undergo training in training institutions; if so, when and what is the amount now given;

(b) whether any steps were taken to give guardian allowance in the case of depressed classes women also while they undergo training for elementary and other grades as in the case of caste Hindu and Muhammadan mistresses;

(c) if not, why not; and

(d) if the concerned Educational Rules were amended, when the rules were amended and what amount of guardian allowance the caste Hindu, Muhammadan and depressed class women mistresses get accordingly?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Notification No. 323, dated the 9th December 1925, published at page 521 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 9th December 1925.

MR. R. VEERIAN:—"With reference to all the clauses of this question the Government have asked me to refer to *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 29th December 1925. I do not find anything there about giving guardian allowance to depressed classes women also while they undergo training for elementary and other grades as in the case of caste Hindu and Muhammadan mistresses. May I know why such a differentiation is made?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"Notice, Sir."

MR. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know the reason why this was not considered beforehand?"

*Alleged memorial from the teacher-managers of elementary schools, Mangalore.*

\* 1512 Q.—MR. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the teacher-managers of elementary schools in the Mangalore taluk submitted a memorial to the Government detailing their various grievances and praying among other things that (1) the teaching grant be enhanced and (2) the capitation grant be revived; and

(b) if so, whether the Government intend taking any action in the matter?

A.—(a) No such memorial has been received.

(b) Does not arise.